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TREASURY TO ISSUE REDESIGNED \$10 AND \$5 CURRENCY NOTES

Treasury Secretary Lawrence H. Summers and Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow will announce the issuance of redesigned \$10 and \$5 notes on Wednesday, May 24, 2000 in continuance of the government's efforts to deter counterfeiting of U.S. currency in circulation. The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on the steps between the Lincoln Memorial and the Reflecting Pool. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be relocated to the DAR Constitution Hall at 1776 D Street, N.W. A final decision will be made Wednesday morning.

Two hundred Washington, D.C. high school students will participate in the ceremony by turning stadium cards to reveal two 32 by 14-foot images of the new bills.

Officials from the United States Department of the Treasury, the Federal Reserve System, United States Secret Service and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be available to answer questions regarding the new notes.

Note to TV Assignment Editors

The U.S. Treasury Department will feed video and soundbites from its national launch event for free and unrestricted use. The feed will also contain b-roll of the new \$10 and \$5 security features, a retail transaction with the bills, materials developed to educate the public about the new currency, and bills being printed.

Feed date: Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Feed time: 3:30 – 4 p.m. EDT Coordinates: GE2, Transponder 6

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7:30 - 7:45 p.m. EDT Telstar 6, Transponder 12

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Refeed Date: Thursday, May 25, 2000 Feed time: 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. EDT Coordinates: Telstar 4, Transponder 6

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